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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Border and Ruoslahti)
Serial No.: 08/349,479)
Filed: December 2, 1994)
For: INHIBITING TRANSFORMING)
GROWTH FACTOR β TO)
PREVENT ACCUMULATION OF)
EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX)

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.196(b)(1)

Sir:

Responsive to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences' Decision on Appeal No.: 2002-2285, mailed December 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 22, 23 and 25.

Please amend claim 21 to read as follows:

21. A method of decreasing the deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix associated with a pathology or a condition wherein TGF- β -induced production and deleterious accumulation of extracellular matrix in a tissue exists comprising:

contacting the tissue with an anti-TGF- β antibody that binds to TGF- β ;

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